Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Presently amended) A catalyst for oxacylation to produce allyl acetate, which ~~comprises~~ consists essentially of a porous carrier, 0.1 to 5.0 weight % of palladium metal as the main catalyst, 0 to 1.0 weight % of gold metal, and 0.01 to 5.0 weight % of tin metal as the promoter, based on the weight of said porous carrier, in combination with an alkali metal compound, supported on the outer surface of ~~a~~ said porous carrier, wherein the total content of gold metal, and tin metal based on the weight of said porous carrier is in the range of 0.01 to 5.0 weight %~~, with the proviso that the catalyst excludes transition metals other than palladium, tin and gold~~.

2-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously amended) The catalyst according to claim 1, wherein the content of said main catalyst, palladium metal, based on the weight of said porous carrier, is in the range of 0.3 to 1.5 weight %.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Previously amended) The catalyst according to claim 1, wherein the content of said promoter, tin metal, based on the weight of said porous carrier, is in the range of 0.02 to 1.0 weight %.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously amended) The catalyst according to claim 1, wherein the total content of said promoter, tin metal and gold metal, based on the weight of said porous carrier, is in the range of 0.02 to 1.0 % by weight.

9. (Previously amended) The catalyst according to claim 1, wherein the content of said alkali compound, based on the weight of said porous carrier, is in the range of 1 to 15 weight %.

10. (Previously amended) The catalyst according to claim 9, wherein the content of said alkali compound, based on the weight of said porous carrier, is in the range of 4 to 10 weight %.

11-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Original) The catalyst according to claim 1, wherein said alkali or alkaline earth metal compounds are the hydroxides, acetates, nitrates and bicarbonates of potassium, sodium, cesium, magnesium, and barium.

15. (Original) The catalyst according to claim 14, wherein said alkali or alkaline earth metal compounds are hydroxide, acetate, nitrate and bicarbonate of potassium.

16. (Original) The catalyst according to claim 1, wherein said porous carrier is selected from the group consisting of alumina, silica gel, silica, active carbon, silicon carbide, diatomaceous earth, pumice and a mixture therof

17-19. (Cancelled).

20. (Previously amended) A method for preparing the catalyst according to claim 1, which comprises: (a) impregnating a porous carrier with a solution containing palladium, gold, and tin in oxidative states, then reducing the metals from an oxidative state into metallic state;

(b) impregnating said metallic state metals-supporting carrier with a solution of alkali or alkaline earth metal compounds, then drying it.

21. (Original) The method according to claim 20, wherein the reduction reaction for reducing the metals from an oxidative state into a metallic state is carried out in a liquid phase, and the reducing agent used is selected from the group consisting of amines, aldehydes and hydrazines.

22. (Original) The method according to claim 20, wherein said reduction reaction for reducing the metals from an oxidative state into a metallic state is carried out in a vapor phase, and the reducing agent used is selected from the group consisting of carbon monoxide, hydrogen and alkene.